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FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER FROM KARINSHAK

FOLLOWING REPEAT TRIPOLI 1164 ACTION DEPT INFO ALGIERS AMMAN
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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 1164

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: LIBYAN POSITION AT ARAB SUMMIT

1. QADHAFI'S REPRESENTATIVE AT RABAT SUMMIT, LIBYAN
AMBASSADOR TO PARIS AL ATRASH, HAS STATED LIBYA'S
POSITION AT SUMMIT CONFERENCE, ACCORDWNG TO PRESS HERE.
HIS STATEMENT DOES NOT REFER TO AGREEMENT REACHED BY
CHIEFS OF STATE, BUT PUTS FORWARD FIVE HARDLINE LIBYAN
POINTS INSTEAD. THEY ARE:

(A) THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR MILITARY ACTION.

(B) PLO IS SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE.

(C) THERE CAN BE NO TUTELAGE OR PROTECTORATE OVER
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PALESTINIAN PEOPLE BY ANY PARTY.

(D) EVERY INCH OF PALESTINIAN LAND LIBERATED BY ANY MEANS WHATEVER MUST RETURN TO PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, REPRESENTED BY PLO, AND THERE MUST BE ESTABLISHED ON IT AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY SUPPORTED BY ALL ARAB FORCES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NATIONALIZATION OF THE BATTLE.

(E) GOING TO GENEVA CONFERENCE AMOUNTS TO DIRECT CONTRAVENTION OF DECISIONS OF KHARTOUM SUMMIT, AND NO ONE EXCEPT PLO HAS RIGHT TO MAKE ANY DECISION REGARDING SOVS OF PALESTINE, WHETHER TO ACCEPT OR REJECT.

2. STATEMENT BY LIBYAN REP AS REPORTED HERE ALSO NOTES GAINS MADE BY PLO RECENTLY AND ATTRIBUTES THEM TO "FEDAYEEN ACTION": "NO ONE CAN DENY THAT FEDAYEEN ACTION AND ABILITY TO SACRIFICE ARE WHAT FOCUSED WORLD ATTENTION ON PALESTINIAN PEOPLE", AND "IT SCARCELY NEEDS SAYING THAT FEDAYEEN ACTION IS WHO GOT US OUT OF THE CLIMATE OF DESPAIR WE WERE IN AFTER THE 1967 SETBACK."

3. COMMENT: LIBYAN STATEMENT SEEMS INTENDED TO DISASSOCIATE QADHAFI FROM SUMMIT RESOLUTIONS. BY DOING SO, IT LEAVES HIM FREE TO FOLLOW HIS OWN HARDLINE, BASED ON "THREE NOES" OF KHARTOUM, "FEDAYEEN ACTION" (I.E. TERRORISM), AND PREPARATION FOR NEXT WAR.

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